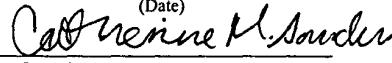


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2002 (Paper #15), Applicants file herewith a Request For Continued Examination and respectfully request that all amendments and remarks herein be entered and fully considered. Please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please insert the Abstract attached hereto as page 24 of the application as filed.